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1. APPRIAL TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA--

WESTERN FIVE "EXPERTS" MET WITH AMBASSADORS AND MISOFFS APRIL 18, AND FRG PRESENTED PAPER ON ATTITUDES OF PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA; UK PRESENTED PAPER ON ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS; US INTRODUCED PAPERS ON TURNHALLE CONSTITUTION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY SAG; AND CANADA DISCUSSED SOUTH AFRICA'S REACTIONS TO WESTERN FIVE DEMARCHE. (FRANCE WILL DISCUSS MEANING OF WORDS "ELECTIONS UNDER UN SUPERVISION AND CONTROL" APRIL 19) IN DISCUSSION OF US DRAFT, THE FIVE AGREED ON GENERAL OBJECTIVES, AND EXPERTS ALSO COMMENCED DISCUSSION OF TACTICS. ON VENUE OF TALKS, IT WAS AGREED THAT INITIAL, FAIRLY BREIF TALKS WITH SAG SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN CPAETOWN, WITH SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS PROBABLY CONTINUED ELSEWHERE. THE FIVE AGREED TO PROPOSE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT SAG BE NOTIFIED THAT WESTERN FIVE WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH SAG IN CAPEWOTN ON APRIL 27. (CONTINGENT UPON WESTERN COORDINATION IN CAPETOWN) AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ENVISAGED INITIAL TALKS LASTING ABOUT THREE DAYS.

EXPERTS AGREED THAT CONTACT GROUP GOING TO CAPETOWN WEEK OF APRIL 25 WOULD BE COMPRISED OF A SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM THE MINISTRIES (ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL), CAPETOWN AMBASSADORS WITH LOCAL EMBASSY SUPPORT, AND A MEMBER OF THE UN MISSIONS IF GOVERNMENTS THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE CONTINUNITY OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PRELIMINARY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS AND OVERALL UN BACKGROUND OF PROBLEM. FRG FONOFF CHIEF OF THE THIRD WORLD DIVISION LAHN WILL LEAD FRG CONTACT GROUP DELEGATION TO CAPETOWN AND ONE MEMBER OF FRG UN MISSION WILL MAKE THE TRIP. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 1151,1152)

2. HUMAN RIGHTS PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS--

REACTIONS OF WEO GROUP MEMBERS, SOME OF WHOM ARE STILL UNISTRUCTED, TO PROPOSAL TO HOLD TWO ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION INDICATE MOST DOUBT THAT ATTEMPT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE IT WOULD SUCCEED, BUT ALL WOULD BE PREPARED

TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL IF US WISHED NEVERTHELESS TO SUBMIT IT. SOME THOUGHT HOLDING TWO MEETINGS DURING A SPECIFIC YEAR, 1978 OR 1979, WOULD HAVE BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS, USING ARGUMENT IT WAS NEEDED TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO CLEAR IT AGENDA. MOST ARGUED LACK OF PROGRESS IS DUE TO LACK OF WILL AND NOT RELATED TO AMOUNG OF TIME AVAILABLE.

IN SOME CASES CAPITALS FAVORED PROLONGING CURRENT SESSION, ALTHOUGH LOCAL DELEGATES UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED IDEA ON GROUNDS CURRENT SESSIONS ARE ALREADY TOO LONG AND EXHAUSTING.
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3. UN PROGRAM BUDGET--

SOVIET DEPUTY PERM REP FOKINE PRESSED USUN FURTHER ON THE NEED FOR US/SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON UN PROGRAM BUDGET, ADDING AMB TROYANOVSKY RECENTLY MADE A DEMARCHE TO SYG
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WALDHEIM TO EXPRESS SERIOUS SOVIET CONCERN OVER CONTINUED EXPANSION OF UN BUDGET. FOKINE POINTED OUT THIS CONCERN WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY REPORTS THAT UN PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1978/79 BIENNIUM WILL SHOW AN ABSOLUTE DOLLAR GROWTH IN EXCESS OF 20 PERCENT, WHICH, HE EMPHASIZED, WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE USSR. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 1145)

4. NORTH KOREAN PRESS RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE ISSUED IN NEW YORK BY NORTH KOREA'S OBSERVER OFFICE STATED THAT NEW DELHI MEETING OF NONALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NACC) DECIDED TO HOLD AUTUMN 1978 NONALIGNED SYMPOSIUM ON INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AT PYONGYANG. RELEASE ALSO COVERS NORTH KOREA'S APRIL 8 SPEECH TO NACC IN NEW DELHI AND KOREAN PORTION OF NACC FINAL COMMUNIQUE. IT SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT NORTH KOREANS ARE UNCOMFORTABLE OVER OMISSION IN NEW DELHI'S FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO "REPLACEMENT OF THE KOREAN MILITARY ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BY A DURABLE PEACE AGREEMENT". REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) OBSERVER OFFICE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND UNAWARENESS THAT NACC DECIDED TO HOLD SYMPOSIUM IN PYONGYANG AND SUGGESTED NACC MAY HAVE DONE IT TO ASSUAGE NORTH KOREAN UNHAPPINESS THAT A NONALIGNED MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING HAD NOT BEEN SCHEDULED FOR PYONGYANG DESPITE NORTH KOREA'S VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO GET ONE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 1153,1155)

5. USSR AND CHARTER REVIEW--

SOVIET EMBASSY LONDON LEFT WITH FCO A NOTE RELATING TO CHARTER REVIEW WHICH APPEARS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THAT LEFT BY SOVIETS WITH THE DEPARTMENT, ACCORDING TO TRANSLATION GIVEN

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6. WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--

WORKING GROUP DECIDED APRIL 18 TO BEGIN WORK APRIL 19 WITH
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CONSIDERATION OF PRACTICAL MEASURES AND TO TAKE UP GUIDELINES WEEK
OF MAY 2, UNLESS THERE WAS TIME TO START DISCUSSION OF GUIDELINES
THIS WEEK. BEFORE THE MEETING, THE SOVIETS TOLD US THEY WERE
NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS GUIDELINES THIS WEEK AND THE CONSIDER-
ATION OF IT NOW MIGHT ONLY SOUR THE ATMOSPHERE. (LIMITED
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7. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN--

THE COMMITTEE APRIL 18 DECIDED THAT ITS ACTING CHAIRMAN, JOEWONO (INDONESIA), WOULD UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GREAT POWERS REGARDING THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE IN ITS WORK. THE IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE OF THE NON-COOPERATION OF THE GREAT POWERS AND MAJOR MARITIME USERS WITH THE COMMITTEE, AND HE, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIA, MADAGASCAR AND SRI LANKA NOTED AS HOPEFUL INDICATIONS 1) THE SEPT. 28, 1976 SOVIET MEMORANDUM STATING IT WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION, AND 2) THE VIEWS EXPRESSED RECENTLY BY THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION. OXLEY (AUSTRALIA) HAD SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT THE GREAT POWERS WERE GOING TO SET UP SOME KIND OF WORKING GROUP ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN DEALING WITH THOSE POWERS. THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AGAIN AT A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED TO HEAR THE ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GREAT POWERS.

8. SOCIAL COMMITTEE --

THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED DEBATE ON THE ITEM ON ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, INCLUDING THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1980 WORLD CONFERENCE, AFTER HEARING 32 STATEMENTS APRIL 15 AND 18. IT WAS DECIDED TO SET UP AN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER WAYS TO DEAL WITH THE DRAFT CONVENTION AND A NUMBER OF OTHER DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE DEBATE, THAT WORKING GROUP WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE LATE AVAILABILITY OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, AND SEVERAL THOUGHT THAT SOME OF THE RESOLUTIONS COULD BE MERGED. RESERVATIONS ON VARIOUS ARTICLES OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION WERE EXPRESSED BY BANGLADESH, US, KENYA, NORWAY ON BEHALF NORDIC COUNTRIES, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, UKRAINE AND JAMAICA. USDEL (MS. GATES) BELIEVED THOSE PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT CONVENTION WHICH CALLED FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT OF WOMEN SHOULD BE DELETED SO AS NOT TO GIVE STATES "EXCUSES" TO PUT WOMEN IN A DIFFERENT CATEGORY. MRS. HUANG KUO (CHINA) DECLARED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE INSISTENCE BY ONE SUPERPOWER THAT SHAM "DETENTE" AND SHAM "DISARMAMENT" SHOULD BE LINKED WITH THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT WAS TO LEAD THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT ASTRAY, AND FOR THE REASONS CITED THE CHINESE DELEGATION WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE ON THE DRAFT CONVENTION AND RELEVANT DRAFT RESOLUTIONS.

9. WORKING GROUP ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONALS --

AS THE WORKING GROUP OPENED ITS SECOND SESSION APRIL 18, CHAIRMAN NIKLASSON (SWEDEN) RECALLED THAT THE GROUP MUST NOW WORK TO PRODUCE AN ANNOTATED OUTLINE OF A CODE OF CONDUCT AT ITS CURRENT SESSION. SUCH AN OUTLINE, IN HIS VIEW, SHOULD INCLUDE INDICATIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF A CODE AS WELL AS AN ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE DIFFERENT PARTS OF A CODE IN A SYSTEMATIC ORDER. HE HOPED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD BASE ITS DISCUSSIONS ON THE "LIST OF MAJOR PRINCIPLES AND ISSUES" WHICH HE HAD SUBMITTED TO THE GROUP AT ITS PREVIOUS SESSION, EVEN THOUGH THIS LIST WAS NOT EXHAUSTIVE. HE URGED AS FEW ADDITIONS AS POSSIBLE TO THE LIST SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THE RESULTS ALREADY ACHIEVED.

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